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“Viva La Fiesta”: See You at the 2012 Fiesta & Street Fair

Join the excitement July 12 through July 15 as Old Town Camarillo celebrates the return of a summertime favorite—the annual Camarillo Fiesta and Street Fair. This multi-day festival will feature a carnival, craft vendors, car show, food booths, wine and beer garden, and lots of top-notch free entertainment.

Daily details:

- **Thursday, July 12**, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., all carnival tickets are priced at 50 cents for those 18 and younger. Regular price of carnival tickets during rest of fiesta will vary.
- **Friday, July 13**, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., the fair’s main festivities begin, highlighted by a classic car cruise while Front Street Prophets and Soul Machine perform on the Dizdar Park stage.
- **Saturday, July 14**, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., continuous live entertainment will feature the bands British Beat (contemporary), No 1 U Know (classic rock), Ignition (classic rock), and Area 51 (R&B, Motown), along with the carnival and street vendors offering a variety of handmade and other crafts and goods.
- **Sunday, July 15**, from 12 noon to 7 p.m., live entertainment continues featuring La Siena y Orquesta Mar Ashe (salsa), Ronnie Gutierrez (Latin jazz), and The Bomb (funk, R&B).

Driver Alert: Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15, from 5 a.m. to 12 midnight, Ventura Boulevard will be closed to traffic from Oak Street to Glenn Drive, and southbound Arneill Road will be closed from Daily Drive to Ventura Boulevard.

Free shuttle service to and from the fiesta will be available Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, 12 noon to 6 p.m., from stops at the Metrolink Station (30 Lewis Road), Boys and Girls Club (1500 Temple Avenue), and the Ponderosa Shopping Center (corner of Arneill Road and Barry Street). For more information, please visit www.camarillofiesta.org or call (805) 312-5154.

Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular

Camarillo’s annual family-friendly fireworks event will be held at Adolfo Camarillo High School, 4660 Mission Oaks Boulevard, on Wednesday, July 4.

Tickets are now available at City Hall, 601 Carmen Drive, and at the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District (PVRPD) office, 1605 E. Burnley. Prices are \$2 per person, children five years old and under are admitted free. Tickets will also be available Wednesday at the stadium gate, which opens at 4 p.m.

This event will feature live music and entertainment as well as food vendors—or you can always pack a picnic dinner. Fireworks begin at 9 p.m., so you may want to bring sweaters, jackets, and blankets in case it turns chilly. For your convenience, free parking and shuttle service will be available at the Metrolink Station, 30 Lewis Road (enter on the Dawson Drive side). Shuttles will begin at 4 p.m. and end at 10 p.m.

If you have questions, please call the PVRPD office at (805) 482-1996.

Be Safe on the Fourth: Follow These Reminders

For the safety and enjoyment of us all, Ventura County fire and law enforcement personnel, as well as local citizen patrols, will be out on the streets of Camarillo and in county areas during the entire Fourth of July holiday week ensuring that fireworks laws are observed.

Please keep in mind:

- Fireworks are illegal in all areas served by the Ventura County Fire Department, including the City of Camarillo, except for professionally staged and permitted events.
- Never give fireworks—not even sparklers—to children! They are dangerous devices that can cause severe injury and even death.
- Camarillo's family-friendly event at Adolfo Camarillo High School is a great way to celebrate Independence Day (Details in accompanying article).
- If you decide to ignore the law and your clothes catch on fire, remember to **STOP, DROP, and ROLL**.

For more information on fireworks safety and regulations, please visit www.fire.countyofventura.org or call (805) 389-9710.



Is Your Dog Licensed?

Did you know that all dogs over four months old residing in the City limits of Camarillo are required by law to have a license? Even dogs that live only indoors or are confined by fences must have a current dog license.

The license tag on your dog's collar tells Ventura County Animal Services where you and your pet live. A current license tag can facilitate the return of beloved pets if they become lost. And, because Ventura County is a rabies-declared area, the licensing program helps to ensure public safety by requiring proof of a valid rabies vaccination—available at veterinary offices and rabies clinics—before a license is issued. Low cost rabies vaccinations are available for as little as \$10. For additional information, including dates and times, visit the Ventura County Animal Services website www.vcas.us.

The license fee is \$20 for an altered (sterile) pet and \$75 for an unaltered (fertile) pet. You may have to pay a penalty if your dog is not licensed by the age of four months or within 30 days of acquiring it, so don't wait until your animal is spayed or neutered. Dog licenses are good for one year as long as the rabies certificate is valid during the entire period. Be a responsible dog owner: make sure your pooch is wearing a current license tag.

For more information, please call Ventura County Animal Services at (805) 388-4341 (option 6).

Library's Faithful Friends Continue to Flourish



Did you know that the Friends of the Camarillo Library, an all-volunteer organization, has been in existence for forty years? That's right: four decades. Its mission is to provide funding for new books, magazines, and other library materials and supplies, along with just about anything else the library needs. And the group is still going—and growing—strong.

From modest beginnings, holding book sales at the former library, the organization has become an essential part of the new library by operating the Friends Bookstore.

The Friends have been busy since the new library opened in 2007. As a result of running the bookstore six days a week, they've been able to donate almost \$1.2 million to the library! During this time, the Friends have paid for several improvements, including a stage in the Library Community Room and a roof extension. Through a bequest from a founder of the Friends, they also purchased a grand piano as gift to the library.

The Friends have now developed an official website: www.friendscamarillolibrary.org. There you'll find information about monthly bookstore specials, upcoming library programs, and tours for members, as well as how to join the Friends. You can also read back issues of its *Amigos Newsletter*.

"Sun" sational Summer Programs and Events at the Camarillo Library!

Camarillo Library's First Annual Photography Contest

Calling all adult, youth, and child photographers! Through August, you're invited to enter your best photo images that explore our community using the 2012 Summer Reading Program themes. For details visit camarillolibrary.org or call (805) 388-5222. Don't miss out on this great family summer project.

Sleeping, Scaring, Singing...OH MY!!!

- Thursday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m.—Ghost hunter Richard Senate discusses haunted places in Ventura County.
- Saturday, July 14 at 2:30 p.m.—“Find Sleep Solutions for Sleep Disorders” with Dr. Abraham M. Ishaaya.
- Sunday, July 22 at 1 p.m.—“Relax, Renew, & Sleep Tight: Feng Shui Tips for More Restful Sleep” with Helen Arbanos.

FREE Must-See Movies

It's “film noir” this summer, kicking off July 3 at 2:30 p.m. with a special afternoon screening of *A Touch of Evil* in the Camarillo Library Community Room. After that, free movie screenings continue every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the same location.

- July 10—Double Indemnity
- July 17—Shadow of a Doubt
- July 24—The Killing
- July 31—Sunset Boulevard

Feed Your Mind

In partnership with the Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning (OLLI), the library will present two thought-provoking Sunday afternoon lectures from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Room.

- July 29—“Social Perception: Why You Might Think I'm a Cold-Hearted, Guilty Liar” with Professor Mark Rafter, who addresses a variety of nonverbal factors that influence our first impressions of others.
- August 26—Exciting lecture to be announced.

Discover and Discuss Super Stories at “Between the Covers”

Join the Adult Summer Book Club and explore great summer reads every third Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Camarillo Library Conference Room.

- July 19—The Reading Group by Elizabeth Noble
- August 16—The Eyre Affair: A Thursday Next Novel by Jasper Fforde

Teen First Saturday Event

- July 7 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Back by popular demand, Henna! Tattoo You Today!
- August 2 from 2 p.m. to 4pm. KARAOKE!!

Wonderful Wednesdays Are Back! Join us each Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for a summer of wonderful performers.

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- July 11—Dave & Shana Balloon Show
- July 18—Music with Dan Crow
- July 25—Musician Craig Newton
- August 1—Magician Shawn McMaster
- August 8—Kealoha & Company Polynesian Dancers
- August 15—Juggler David Cousins

One-Time Bonus Events

- Saturday, July 28—“Dog Days of Summer” service dog showcase, 10 a.m. to 12 noon
- Thursday, August 2—Karaoke!! Kids at 10 a.m.; teens at 2 p.m.; adults at 6:30 p.m.

Please note that the library will be open July 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be closed Wednesday, July 4, and Friday, August 17.

How to Tell When Your Grass Needs Watering

Ah, summertime. Lots of sunshine, BBQs, and outdoor fun. Better keep that lawn looking good, right? Time to water?

Not so fast. Remember that temperature, humidity, and wind dramatically affect how much water your lawn needs and therefore how frequently you need to water. Many people over-water without realizing it, especially in summer. Over-watering is bad for your lawn and can lead to fungus and disease.

Tip: Before watering, look for the following signs. When grass needs water, it begins to take on a blue-gray tint, and the blades curl up or wilt. Also, footprints remain visible on the grass for longer than usual, as the grass doesn't bounce back.

Water your grass only when it really needs it, applying enough water each time to penetrate down to the root zone. This promotes deep root growth. Frequent shallow watering encourages weeds and also causes the grass to develop shallow roots, leaving it more susceptible to drought and certain diseases.

By making sure you don't over-water, you'll enjoy a healthier lawn, conserve water, and have lower water bills. Happy summer!

For additional turf irrigation tips, please visit www.camarillogardening.com.

2012 Coastal Cleanup Day—September 15, 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Last year 3,168 volunteers removed almost 17,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from 37 miles of Ventura County beaches and inland waterways. In Camarillo, 346 volunteers collected 1,800 pounds of debris from two sites: the barranca off Mission Oaks Park and Calleguas Creek at Paseo Del Campo and Creekside. Wouldn't it be great to beat those totals this year?

In addition to removing trash from waterways and beaches, volunteers also collect data that provides important clues about the nature and source of the trash. Past data collections have shown that over 60 percent of the trash picked up on Coastal Cleanup Day probably originated from an inland source—a city, a storm drain, or another noncoastal location—and was washed onto the beach by a creek or river.

Cleaning inland sites, like those in Camarillo, helps to stop trash before it hits our coast and ocean. Joining your neighbors in the cleanup is an excellent way to “give back” to our community. And between cleanup events, please put all your trash where it belongs: in the garbage can or recycle bin.

For more information on Coastal Cleanup Day 2012, call the Stormwater Division at (805) 388-5385, send an e-mail to khoran@ci.camarillo.ca.us, or visit www.vccoastcleanup.org.



Hardworking volunteers at Camarillo's Calleguas Creek site.

Tantalize Your Tastebuds at A Taste of Camarillo

On Sunday, July 29, the Meadowlark Service League will hold its 25th annual A Taste of Camarillo Wine and Food Festival from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the lawns of the historic Adolfo Camarillo Ranch House, 201 Camarillo Ranch Road, Camarillo. Proceeds will benefit Camarillo and greater Ventura County charities.

Guests will be able to sample fine wines and tantalizing food from a wide variety of participating wineries and restaurants. Enjoy an afternoon that also features live entertainment, a silent auction, and boutique shopping.

On July 28 there will be a pre-event Wine Auction Gala and Dinner from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Camarillo Ranch, 201 Camarillo Ranch Road. This popular event includes special wines, gourmet food, live music, and both silent and live auctions of fine and rare wines and other enticing items.

Tickets for A Taste of Camarillo are \$75 in advance and \$85 at the door. Tickets for the Wine Auction Gala and Dinner are \$70. A weekend pass for both events is \$135. Tickets are available online at www.tasteofcamarillo.com or by mail from the Meadowlark Service League, P.O. Box 3063, Camarillo, CA 93011-3063.

For more information, please call Mary Little at (805) 388-7158.

“Las Personas Son La Ciudad”



July 2012

- 5, 12, 19, 26 **CAMARILLO COMMUNITY BAND**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
7 P.M., 1605 BURNLEY STREET, 484-8050
- 7, 21, 28 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.- NOON, CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507
- 13, 14 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US
- 14 **CONCERT IN THE PARK**
PRETZEL LOGIC (STEELY DAN TRIBUTE BAND)
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
- 27 **CAMARILLO OLD TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS**
5 P.M. TO 8 P.M., VENTURA BLVD
FOR INFORMATION, CALL TOM 443-9219
- 28 **CONCERT IN THE PARK**
SUPER DIAMOND (TRIBUTE TO NEIL DIAMOND)
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847

August 2012

- 4, 11, 18, 25 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.- NOON, CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507
- 10, 11 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US
- 11 **CONCERT IN THE PARK**
L.A.VATION (U2 TRIBUTE BAND)
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
- 18 **E-WASTE EVENT**
9 A.M. TO 4 P.M., CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER
1605 BURNLEY STREET, 499-0050
- 18 **MOVIE IN THE PARK**
ZOOKEEPER (2011, PG, STARRING KEVIN JAMES)
8 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
- 24 **CAMARILLO OLD TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS**
5 P.M. TO 8 P.M., VENTURA BLVD
FOR INFORMATION, CALL TOM, 443-9219
- 25 **CONCERT IN THE PARK**
RICK BRAUN
(R&B/JAZZ, SINGER/TRUMPETER)
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847

Want an In-Depth Look at Law Enforcement?

If so, here's your chance. Starting August 28, the Camarillo Police Department is offering its annual Citizens Academy—a 12-week course designed to provide members of the public with an overview of the department's mission and operational procedures. The academy is free and requires only a commitment of three hours each Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Academy participants will hear presentations by a superior court judge, K-9 officer, SWAT team members, hostage negotiators, the bomb squad, and narcotics officers. They will also have the opportunity to meet Camarillo's station commander and take a tour of the facility. Field trips include the Pre-Trial Detention Facility (Ventura County Main Jail), juvenile hall, sheriff's dispatch center, CSI crime lab, Sheriff's Training Academy, and the heliport. What's more, class members may take part in a ride-along with a patrol deputy. Sound exciting? It is—especially for anyone considering a career in law enforcement.

Applications for the Citizens Academy can be obtained at the Camarillo Police Station, 3701 E. Las Posas Road. Applicants must be 18 years of age, live or work in the Camarillo area, have no felony convictions, and have no misdemeanor convictions within one year of applying.

For more information, call Crime Prevention Officer Mario Molina at (805) 388-5130.

Police Department Open House

On National Night Out—Saturday, August 18—the Camarillo Police and Ventura County Sheriff's Office will host an open house from 12 noon to 4 p.m. The department is located at 3701 E. Las Posas Road. National Night Out aims to heighten crime and drug awareness and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

Representatives for the Camarillo Police Department will conduct guided tours of the facility throughout the afternoon. The department's law-enforcement equipment and technology and other resources will be on display. McGruff the Crime-Fighting Dog will greet kids and their parents.

Visitors will enjoy demonstrations by a K-9 deputy and dog, mounted patrol, SWAT team, bomb-disposal vehicle and robot, search and rescue unit, patrol and traffic units, crime scene investigation (CSI) unit, Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART), youth services personnel, neighborhood watch members, Citizen Patrol, and the Camarillo Police mobile command post.

Games and activities for children will also be offered, including "Kid Print" fingerprint ID service.

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"The People Are The City"



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City Cable TV Representative:	388-5349	Camarillo Area Transit (Dial-A-Ride)	988-4228
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Utility/Customer Service:	388-5325	Camarillo Library Website	
Community Development	388-5360	www.camarillolibrary.org	
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